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**PhotoStory**  
Susan B English  
Graduation  
May 24, 2007



**PhotoStory**  
2007 Craft  
Invitational Chainsaw  
Carving Competition  
May 25-28, 2007



### Electricity Bolt for the Week

Use fluorescent light bulbs, they use ¼ of the energy as incandescent and last 10 times longer!

## Top Stories

### City Council Special Meeting - May 23

*by Tom Glover*

The Seldovia City Council convened together to include the following members present: Tom Glover, Tom Keesecker, Walter McInnes, and Allison Miller. Acting City Manager and City Clerk Ronda Haynes took minutes and Mayor Dick Wyland presided.

#### Agenda Approval

Agenda approved - unanimously

#### Old Business

#### Resolution No. 07-14

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Seldovia , Alaska opposing pressure testing water mains.

## Marketplace



**Jenny Chissus**  
234-8000

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Subsequent to conversations with the Village Safe Water group and the Seldovia public works department, it was decided that increasing the pressure in the water mains to 100 psi could cause more lines to fail and locating valves (as required to increase the pressure) would be difficult, time consuming, and costly. Another method will be used to determine which pipes should be replaced.

*Action:* Passed - unanimously

**Resolution No. 07-15**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska supporting advertising for an engineering firm to analyze and design water and sewer mains to replace failing mains.

The City of Seldovia did not renew Michael L Foster and Associates (MLFA) contract as city engineers and does not wish to amend MLFA's current water/sewer contract to include additional work due to an unacceptable number of errors, omissions, and delays in prior work completed by MLFA for the City of Seldovia .

*Action:* Passed - unanimously

**Discussion of recent criminal activity in the Seldovia area**

Considerable discussion took place concerning the recent increases in crime in Seldovia and the surrounding areas.

*Action:* No action taken at this time – information only.

*[ Editors Note: judging from length of Andy Anderson's Police Report below, the problem is growing. Do your part by notifying the police department when you see something suspicious or you witness a crime. It's your community folks and it's EVERYONES' responsibility to help put a stop to this nonsense. ]*

**City Manager position (executive session)**

*Action:* No action taken in executive session. Three candidates were selected for additional review and interviews.

**City Manager Report**

Additional work is needed on the upcoming budget and setting of the mill rate. A workshop has been scheduled for 6:30 PM , Wednesday, June 13, 2007.

**Next Meeting:** June 13, 2007  
**Adjournment:** Time elapsed: two hours

**Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - June 4**  
*by Tamara Blodgett*

The Seldovia P&Z Commission convened together with the following members present: Dan Blodgett, Jenny Chissus, and Bobbie Sweatt. Members' Paulie Carluccio and Jim Hopkins had excused absences.

The approved *amended* agenda removed the minutes from the Special Planning

**School**

▶ [Susan B English School by school reporter Katie O'Leary - Click here](#)



**Notices & Newsletters**

▶ [The Seldovia Visitor 2007, Seldovia Chamber of Commerce. Click here to download PDF \(6mb\)](#)

▶ [Comprehensive Plan Public Final August 10, 2005 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Amended FY05 Seldovia City Budget 7-8-2005 \(pdf\)](#)

▶ [Boys and Girls Club Calendar](#)

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▶ Aleutian's Tusty Trip - July 25 - Part 1
▶ July 4 Festival
▶ Summer Solstice Music Festival - June
▶ CofC Chainsaw Carving Contest - May
▶ SBE Graduation - May
▶ SBE Spring Concert - May
▶ SBE School Play - May
▶ SBE Science Fair - May
▶ Prom - May
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Feb.
▶ SBE Basketball - Jan.
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▶ Seldovia Summer Gazette Newspaper 2004
<b>2005 PhotoStories</b>

Meeting on May 7.

## Consideration of Site Plans

### Building Permit Submitted by David Longworth, Lot 4C, Block 26, Polsky Replat 96-SRD.

This is a tear down of a small red cabin that was formally owned by Warren Polsky. The new owner plans on building a new house in its place.

*Action:* Approved unanimously.

## Commission Business

Commission Member Chissus proposed those public access points in and around the bay and slough areas be marked as "Public Access." This signage would clearly define public access areas and effectively exclude the use of private areas where trespass and liability would be an issue.

**Next Meeting:** July 2, 2007

**Adjournment:** Approximate time elapsed: 24 minutes

## Oil/Grease Fire in a Kitchen!

*Public Service Announcement (thanks Mike Driscoll SVFD for sending it in!)*



This is a nice Public Service Announcement from the Brits. Please read the following info before you watch the video clip. This is worth KNOWING! Please pass this on to your friends & relatives. Maybe this could keep someone from having a disaster. This is a great video. Everyone should watch it and take heed.

At the Navy Fire Fighting School in Charleston, SC, they use a demonstration similar to the one in the attached video clip. They place a deep fat fryer on the fire field. An instructor would don a fire suit and using an 8 oz. cup at the end of a 10 foot pole toss water onto the grease fire. The results got the attention of the students.

What happens is, the water being heavier than the oil, sinks to the bottom where it instantly becomes superheated. The explosive force of the steam blows the burning oil up and out. On the open field it became a thirty foot high fireball that resembles a nuclear blast. Inside the confines of a kitchen, the fire ball hits the ceiling and fills the entire room.

Also, do not throw sugar or flour on a grease fire. One cup creates the explosive force of two sticks of dynamite. Now THAT IS SCARY!!

[Click here to download or view the video! \(1.5meg .wmv file\)](#)

## Special Notices

<a href="#">▶ SBE Christmas Play</a>
<a href="#">▶ SBE Halloween Carnival</a>
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<b>Corrections</b>
<a href="#">▶ None this week</a>

## *Seldovia Citizen of the Year Nominations*

**Seldovia Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber")** is soliciting nominations for the **Seldovia Citizen of the Year**. Nominations are solicited and welcomed from you, the public, giving you the opportunity to honor special people in our community.

### HOW TO NOMINATE:

**Complete this nomination form and put it in the box either in the post office lobby or, you can mail a letter of nomination to Seldovia Chamber of Commerce, P0 Drawer F, Seldovia.**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:** The deadline for nominations is *June 12, 2007*

**HOW VOTING TAKES PLACE:** Chamber members will vote by email on the nominations received. (If you are a Chamber member, you will receive an email ballot on June 13th). If there are no nominees for a particular award category, or if the nominees received do not, in the opinion of the Chamber, meet the category criteria, then the Chamber reserves the right to forego selecting a winner for that category. **This year – the winners will be notified of their award on the Fourth of July.**

**THE CATEGORIES FOR AWARD:** *Achievements of the Nominee must be listed on Nomination Form to aid in the decision making process. Nominations without achievements listed will not be accepted.*

- 1. Citizen of the Year** Presented to an individual for continuing or extraordinary service to the community. This individual has donated countless hours of public service, or funds, to a wide variety of organizations and causes, which benefit the entire community. Or, this may be an individual who has otherwise honorably distinguished him/her self through an heroic act, leadership or inspirational role, or other significant event.
- 2. Business or Non—Profit of the Year** Presented to an entity which during the past year has supported community activities and organizations above and beyond what would be normally expected, or whose projects and activities have contributed significantly to the well-being of the community.
- 3. Outstanding Community Contribution by a Young Person**  
  
Presented to a Seldovia youth attending **Susan B. English or home school**. This award will be based on activities outside of school which contribute to the general improvement or well-being of the community.

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

## *Boys & Girls Club Update*

The Clubhouse will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 1-6 p.m. Pottery will still run on Mondays from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Teen Open Gym will happen on Tuesday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Teens can come to the Club one extra time with the addition of a Teen Club night on Saturdays from 9:00 – 11:00 p.m., and of course they can still attend the Seldovia Village Tribe's Teen Night on Fridays from 9:00 – midnight.

**Regular Club Schedule**

- Pottery: Mondays from 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.
- Clubhouse: Tuesdays - Saturdays from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Open Gym: Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Teen Club night: Saturdays 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Teen Night by SVT Prevention Program: Fridays 9:00 p.m. - midnight

Heading to the kids?  
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Any questions, contact: Laurel A. Hilts, Unit Director Seldovia  
234-7577 office; 234-2004 fax & kid phone during Clubhouse hours  
lhilts@positiveplaceforkids.com

**Tidbits . . .**

That "prancing and pawing of each little hoof" on your rooftop tomorrow morning might not be reindeer . . . do these critters crow at sunrise???



**City Manager's Corner**

*by Kurt Reynertson*

>> **No Report this week** <<

**Seldovia Police Report***by A.W. Anderson, Seldovia PD*

A subpoena was served on a lady regarding an upcoming trial for a man on DWI charges resulting from the operation of a vessel while intoxicated. The trial is now postponed until July.

Police were notified of damage to a window at a local residence which is occupied only in the summertime. Investigation revealed entry had been made through a window in the lower level of the residence and the window pane had been broken. It is undetermined what all was taken in the burglary but it is known that a case of Canadian Mist Whiskey, 12 bottles, 1.75 liter in plastic bottles, and 8-9 bottles of Yellow Tail Wine were taken. When the owner's do arrive they will most likely find other items missing. The crime could have occurred anytime during the winter months. Anyone having any information regarding this burglary, or anyone having observed numerous bottles of the whiskey or wine with these brand names, is asked to contact your Police Department.

Police received a call from a lady who reported she and her two children were fishing, while tied to a buoy in front of their cabin in Kasitsna Bay, when a white 24' - 26' boat came straight at them at high speed and veered off within 30' of their 12' row boat. The wake created nearly swamped the row boat and badly frightened the lady and her children. An investigation into who was responsible for the act failed to reveal those responsible. Anyone having any information is requested to contact the Seldovia Police Department at 234-7640. The incident occurred on Sunday, 5/28/07, between the hours of 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the area of McDonald Spit.

An immature eagle was reported to have been on the airplane float in the Seldovia Harbor for over 24 hours and was not leaving when approached. Police caught the eagle and shipped it to the Alaska Marine Wildlife Refuge in Homer who, in turn, shipped the bird to Anchorage for treatment. There were no signs of injury but the bird was in need of medical assistance. In checking on the condition of the bird the Police were told the bird will be again released into the wild in a short time and is improving quickly as a result of medical treatment.

A cell phone that was found at the Outside Beach has been returned to the owner. There was enough battery left to determine the owner of the phone.

Police received a complaint regarding the theft of 4 tire rims that were taken off private property. The theft is under investigation at this time.

A local resident reported a package she had ordered was stolen out of the Smokey Bay Airlines office at the Seldovia Airport. The package was valued at \$20.00.

Police called a property owner in Anchorage after a complaint that trash and garbage was strewn around her property which is located on the South side of Seldovia Bay. The owner told the Officer she is planning a trip very soon to her cabin and will be cleaning up the debris.

A local man was contacted after a complaint was received that he cursed a lady at a local business and later left, what could be construed as, a threatening message on her home telephone recorder. The man, when contacted, told the Police he was being treated unfairly by the lady when he was limited to the amount of product he could purchase at the business. He felt she treated him unfairly. The man was informed that threats and intimidation will only serve to cause him a problem and that further negative contact of this nature will result

in a Court proceeding.

A Dynatel 2M meter was misplaced by an ACS employee when it was left on the airplane when he flew to Seldovia. Because of its value, and the ACS employs possible need for it, the Officer located the employ and returned the meter.

Police were asked to proctor tests for the volunteers who are taking their EMT II and EMT III tests. These EMT volunteers and the volunteer Fire Fighters spend countless hours in training and practical exercises to insure the citizens of Seldovia have the best response team possible. While most of us are sleeping these dedicated individuals often spend hours in the middle of the night assisting others. They do this as a service to the community. They do not get compensated for their responses but continue to stand ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Due to the criteria that is mandated by State Law many hours of training is necessary. The Emergency Dispatchers, who also give of themselves to keep the responding personnel informed and assist them with logistics, should also be recognized for their outstanding service. We often take for granted the services the Fire Department offer but to have such a dedicated group of qualified volunteers in such a small City as Seldovia is indeed bordering on miraculous. Take the time to thank an EMT, Firefighter or Dispatcher when you see them. If you have ever had need of their services you, too, know how invaluable they are.

A report of tin blowing around at the Seldovia Lodge site, creating a hazard to the public, was received and the owner of the property was notified. He told the Police he was working with the insurance company and was hopefully going to get the property released within a week and the hazard would be cleaned up. In fact the clean up has begun and will continue until it is no longer a hazard to the citizens.

Police responded and assisted a local contractor when he was dynamiting rock in the rock pit off Frank Raby Drive. The shot was completed without complications.

An early morning report of a roll over accident on Lund Street resulted in an investigation wherein a teenager was arrested and charged with DUI and Minor Consuming Alcohol. A citation for expired registration on the vehicle was also given to the subject. At arraignment the teen pled guilty to DUI and Minor Consuming charges and received a total of \$2330.00 in fines, must pay fees associated with Alcohol Screening, received 72 consecutive hours of jail time, a license revocation of 90 days and probation until 21 years of age. A fine of \$100.00 is also levied for the expired registration on the vehicle.

A visiting pilot contacted the Police Department and reported that during the nights of either 6/2 or 6/3 someone emptied his aircraft, a Cessna 180, of its gasoline. He estimated he had between 25 and 30 gallons of gas taken. Had he not checked his gauges he could possibly have taken off and found he had no more gasoline. This type of theft can be charged under the Federal Statutes. If injury or death had occurred as a result of the theft the person committing the crime can be held responsible and charged accordingly.

Two vehicles parked near a hanger at the Seldovia Airport were also siphoned and the victim estimates approximately \$120.00 worth of gasoline taken. This theft occurred approximately 2-3 weeks ago.

Police were called to assist a motorist on two separate occasions after the keys were inadvertently locked in the vehicle. On both occasions entry was made into the vehicle.

The boom box in a vehicle being played very loud during late night hours was reported and the owner of the vehicle was contacted. It is unlawful to disturb others late at night without a justifiable reason. The subject told the Officer he would keep the music down after 10:00 p.m..

City Maintenance personnel reported damage to the elevator door in the Library building after someone forced it open. The public should be aware that a hazard exists now when opening the door to access the elevator.

Police assisted a local contractor in the moving of a building on English Drive to property across from the school shop. The move was made without damage to the building or adjacent properties.

Two separate reports of persons feeding bears were taken by Police. On one occasion two people were observed feeding a bear fish eggs out of their hands, in the vicinity of 2.5 mile, Jakolof Bay Road but they could not be identified by the Complainant. On the second occasion a different Complainant did recognize the people feeding a sow bear that had three cubs. When questioned regarding the incident, the suspect admitted to giving the bear some chewing gum. He was informed that feeding the bears is illegal and it is very dangerous.

Further investigation into the feeding of bears has revealed a bigger problem than was known. Police have been given information that many people, at present four separate reports, have been received regarding people feeding bears and one person is said to be filming the activity. It is well known that bears return for more food from the food source so since it is people who are feeding the bears they will expect to always be fed when they encounter people. The next person who encounters the hand fed bear may be injured or killed as a result of the bear's expectations of being fed. Bears have to be destroyed when they become a threat and these people feeding them need to be held responsible. Ask any State Park Official and they will tell you the bears learn quickly and become a problem in a very short time. The younger the bear the quicker they become accustomed to being hand fed. Hopefully this foolish practice will stop. The Police will hold the person feeding the bears responsible, and ask that they explain their activities to the Judge, so report your observations and let's put a stop to this before someone is badly mauled or killed.

Reports are being received regarding people snagging King Salmon in the Seldovia Slough. If you witness someone snagging, and want something done about it, call 235-8239 and tell the Alaska State Trooper Dispatcher what is going on. If you could take a picture, or a movie, for their viewing, the Alaska Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement (ABWE), will certainly respond. People knowing they may be photographed or have a movie taken of them for evidentiary purposes may choose to wait until snagging season is opened.

A local resident reported she had been the victim of identify theft. Charges on a Citibank Credit Card in her name, in the amount of over \$1600.00, were made and she stated she doesn't have a Citibank card with that number. The matter had been turned over to a collection agency and when they were contacted they referred the Officer to Citibank. The investigation continues in this matter. **WARNING:** Check your invoices for charges that you did not make. The sooner you report it the less impacting it will be. Action needs to be taken right away to avoid further purchases by the suspect on your account...

A lady reported her daughter's new bicycle was damaged Sunday night when someone did something that bent the rear wheel. She reported the bicycle was recently purchased for \$200 and that threats had been made by a person reference trashing the bike. Police are investigating the incident. Anyone having information is encouraged to contact the Police Department.

Puffin Electric personnel reported a weed burner and propane tank taken from the Seldovia Harbor construction site on 4/10/07. The company name is on the white propane bottle. On 5/15/07 a large red & silver drill with a 6"X7/8" bit was taken from the approach to the harbor and on 5/24/07 a 12' fiberglass ladder, red in color with Puffin Electric written on it, was taken from the site. They had not reported the thefts until now hoping they were only borrowed and would be returned. If anyone knows the location of any of these items either contact the contractor @ 235-8160 or contact the Police Department.

Since last report 4 persons have requested Notary Public service, 3 people have requested assistance and 3 black bears have been sealed. (That is a total of 8 bears sealed to date. One other bear is known to have been taken and was sealed in Homer.)

